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| CATEGORY | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Requirements | All of the written requirements addressed. Exactly 50 words. | Almost all (about 90%) the written requirements were met. | Most (about 75%) of the written requirements were met, but several were not. | Many requirements were not met. |
| Organization | The story is very well organized. One idea or scene follows another in a logical sequence with clear transitions and a building tension. | The story is pretty well organized. One idea or scene may seem out of place. Clear transitions are used. | The story is a little hard to follow. The transitions are sometimes not clear. | Ideas and scenes seem to be randomly arranged. |
| Creativity | The story contains many creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment. The author has really used his imagination. | The story contains a few creative details and/or descriptions that contribute to the reader's enjoyment. The author has used his imagination. | The story contains a few creative details and/or descriptions, but they distract from the story. The author has tried to use his imagination. | There is little evidence of creativity in the story. The author does not seem to have used much imagination. |
| Action | Several action verbs (active voice) are used to describe what is happening in the story. The story seems exciting! | Several action verbs are used to describe what is happening in the story, but the word choice doesn't make the story as exciting as it could be. | A variety of verbs (passive voice) are used and describe the action accurately but not in a very exciting way. | Little variety seen in the verbs that are used. The story seems a little boring. |

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